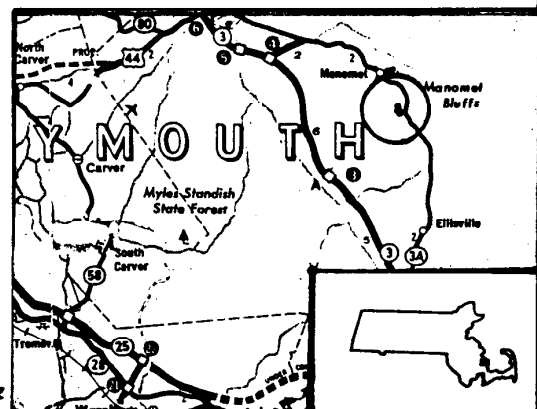


FRESH POND
(PLYMOUTH)
Area : 62 Acres

LOCATION



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General Information:

This 62-acre pond has an average depth of 12 feet and a maximum depth of 30 feet. The bottom is composed of sand and rubble, and the water has good transparency at 15 feet. There is only scant emergent aquatic vegetation. Almost half of the shoreline has been lost to residential development.

Access is located off Bartlett Road, roughly a mile south of its connection with Route 3 A. The town of Plymouth provides a steep, unpaved ramp suitable for canoes and car top boats. A nearby parking lot can accommodate numerous vehicles.

Like many ponds in the area, this one has acidity problems, but 20 tons of limestone added in 1983 has temporarily improved conditions. Additional limestone treatments will almost certainly be required to maintain the pond's alkalinity in the future.

Fish Populations:

The fish population was most recently sampled in June of 1981 when 10 species were observed. Listed in order of sampling abundance, they were yellow perch, American eel, pumpkinseed, brook trout, banded killifish, chain pickerel, largemouth bass, bluegill, rainbow trout and white perch.

Fishing:

This relatively infertile pond does not provide high concentrations of panfish or good growth rates for gamefish, although conditions may have improved somewhat since the addition of limestone. In any case, the pond is stocked with several hundred trout each spring, providing a seasonal recreational fishery.

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